THE CASE

OF THE

Poor Ancient Creditors

OF THE

NAVY,

Mentioned in a LIST annexed to their

PETITION

Delivered to the Honourable

House of COMMONS.

THERE Is Due to the ſaid **Creditors** in the Whole, the Sum of **Thirty nine Thouſand Eight Hundred ninety nine Pounds, One Shilling, and ſix pence three farthings**; for which they have **Bills** made out and ſigned by the **Navy Board.**

THE ſaid Sum of **Thirty nine Thouſand, Eight Hundred ninety nine Pounds, One Shilling, and ſix pence three farthings,** is part of the Debt of **Forty Thouſand Pounds,** due before the 25th of *March* 1686, and mentioned in the Front of all the **Eſtimates** of the **General Debts** of the **Navy,** Yearly Exhibited to the **Treaſury.**

UPON Application to the **Lords of the Treaſury** and **Commiſſioners of the Navy**, they are informed the ſaid Debt of **Thirty nine Thouſand, Eight Hundred ninety nine Pounds, One Shilling and ſix pence, three farthings**, ought to be paid in Courſe, and that no Perſon, either upon the Account of Poverty, or otherwiſe, can be preferred in Payment, but every one muſt receive his **Money** in Order. according to the Antiquity of his **Debt**; but all are of Opinion 'tis very reaſonable the **Debt** ſhould be paid.

THAT **Bills** of the like Nature for about **Fourteen Thouſand, Six Hundred Pounds** have been lately paid by particular Orders to ſeveral Merchants for **Naval Commodities**, as alſo a further Sum for **Seamens Wages,** about the Year 1692.

THERE is no **Proviſion** yet made for the **Payment** of the ſaid **Debt,** the **Money** which from time to time hath been given for the Uſe of the **Navy,** having been appropriated by **Parliament** to the then Preſent Exigences of the **Navy.**

MANY of the **Creditors** for want of their **Money** to pay their **Debts**, are thrown into **Goal**, where they have lain ſome Years, and many Others are like to be in **Priſon**, and They and their **Families** Undone and Starved, if ſome Speedy Care be not taken to Prevent it.

'Tis therefore humbly hoped, This **Honourable Houſe** will Appropriate ſome part of the **Money** to be given this **Seſſion**, for the **Uſe** of the **Navy**, to the Satisfying and Diſcharging the ſaid **Debt**, or Provide ſome other **Effectual Means** for the **Payment** thereof, to the End the ſaid **Creditors** may be Preſerved from **Ruin**, and Others hereafter Encouraged to Serve the **Crown.**

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